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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the final Office Action of September 5, 2008 (hereinafter "Final Action"). In particular, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 8 and 15-20 are allowed, and that Claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response, Applicants have rewritten Claim 14 in independent form including all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants have also amended Claim 12 to depend from allowed Claim 8, and canceled Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13. No new matter has been added. Applicants note that these amendments have been made to advance prosecution of the application, and should not be construed as an admission regarding the patentability of these claims and/or other claims. As such, Applicants submit that Claims 8, 12, and 14-20 are now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, in light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims and passing the application to issue. Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

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